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SUBJECT : SAUDI-BAHRAINI MILITARY COOPERATION

1. MAY 27 BAHRAIN CROWN PRINCE/DEFENSE MINISTER SHAIKH HAMAD MADE ONE DAY VISIT TO SAUDIS IN EASTERN PROVINCE. ALTHOUGH HAMAD IS FREQUENT VISITOR TO SAUDI ARABIA, FACT THAT THIS TRIP FOLLOWED ONE DAY AFTER HIS FATHER, THE AMIR, LED SMALL DELEGATION TO CALL ON KING KHALID WOULD SUGGEST HAMAD'S VISIT FOCUSED ON PLANS FOR FORTHCOMING SAUDI-BAHRAINI JOINT MILITARY EXERCISE IN BAHRAIN.

2. EXERCISE, WHICH HAS BEEN REPORTED IN OTHER CHANNELS, NOW APPEARS SCHEDULED FOR FIRST WEEK IN JUNE. WHEN AMIR FIRST MENTIONED IT TO ME LAST WEEK, HE APPEARED LESS THAN ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT IMPLICATIONS OF SAUDI MILITARY FORCES DISPLAYING THEIR ABILITY TO ATTACK BAHRAIN ALTHOUGH I GOT IMPRESSION SHAIKH HAMAD HAD PERSUADED HIM THAT, ON BALANCE, JOINT EXERCISE WAS A GOOD THING TO DO. WE ARE INTRIGUED BY FACT THAT GOB HAS TO DATE MADE NO PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT THAT

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EXERCISE WILL BE TAKING PLACE SINCE IT WOULD BE NECESSARY

TO CLOSE OFF THE EXERCISE AREA AT SOUTHERN PART OF ISLAND
FROM CIVILIAN RECREATIONAL USE AND SINCE PUBLIC OPINION
NEEDS TO BE PREPARED FOR SPECTACLE OF SAUDI AIR MIGHT
DESCENDING ON BAHRAIN.

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